Gauge conversion between Shimoga and Talguppa

8076. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are taking up the gauge conversion of metre gauge between Shimoga and Talguppa in Southern Railway; and

(b) if so, in which year the work would be taken up and completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Shortfall in Passenger Receipts in South Central Railway

8077. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the shortfall in receipts from passenger traffic in South Central Railway in 1994-95;

(b) what were the reasons for the shortfall; and

(c) the details of steps the South Central Railway propose to take to enhance passenger traffic?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The targets set in the Budget Estimates have been exceeded.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Efforts to increase passenger traffic is a continuous process. Suitable Broad Gauge train services are being planned on the newly converted (i) Hubli-Londa-Miraj (ii) Hubli-Gadag & (iii) Purna-Manded, sections of South Central Railway. The additional train facilities being provided on South Central Railway during 1995-96 include

1. Tirupati-Cuddapah Express introduced w.e.f. 22.4.95.

2. Bombay-Tirupati Express (Triweekly)

3. Bombay-Nagercoil Express (weekly)

4. Bangalore-Miraj Express

5. Bangalore-Hubli Shatabdi Express

6. Secunderbad-Nizamabad Express

7. Secunderabad-Aurangabad Express

8. DMU/Push-Pull trains in Guntur & Vijayawada area.

Reducing congestion at Secunderabad Railway Station

8078. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to have a second entrance for passengers at Secunderabad Railway Station in South Central Railway;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is congestion, both inside and outside the Secunderabad Railway Station;

(c) whether the over bridges are extremely narrow to handle the passenger traffic at Secunderabad Railway Station; and

(d) what plans the Railways have to reduce congestion at Secunderabad Railway Station?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is not much congestion inside Secunderabad railway station. However, there is congestion outside the station, due to the presence of city bus-stand, with buses plying to all directions of the twin cities.

(c) No, Sir.